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Mr. FitzGerald

The attached draft cable was written at Mr. FitzGerald's request after a telephone conversation this morning (18 May) re Uncle John Hart's increasing penchant for pre-emptive coordination in Saigon with high-level non-Agency citizens on major programs or policies. I would appreciate FE's making any desired changes, modifications or improvements and then passing this along to Mr. FitzGerald.

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REF: SAIGON 6784 (IN 69673)

1. I NOTE FROM REF PARAGRAPH 3 THAT YOU ARE PREPARING A DETAILED SET OF PROPOSALS ON REORGANIZING OUR ANTI-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHICH YOU HOPE TO TELL US ABOUT NEXT WEEK, BUT PLAN TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON WITH BOB KOMER THIS WEEK. I ALSO NOTE (REF PARA 4) THAT YOU PLAN TO MAKE AN OVERALL POLITICAL ACTION PROPOSAL TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER ON 19 MAY WHICH, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION, WE ASSUME WILL BE SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES WOOLRIDGE OUTLINED DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

2. I RECOGNIZE THAT MOST OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC DECISIONS OUGHT TO BE MADE IN THE FIELD AND CERTAINLY DO NOT

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WANT TO DISCOURAGE YOUR COMMENDABLE INITIATIVE. MAJOR  
PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, OR COURSES OF ACTION WITH STRONG POLITICAL  
OR POLICY OVERTONES ARE MATTERS ON WHICH WE MUST WORK OUT A  
STAT TOTAL  NOT JUST STATION, POSITION BEFORE SURFACING THEM  
STAT TO OTHER  COMPONENTS, AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE BUTTONING  
STAT THEM UP AS AGREED  POLICY DECISIONS. THUS, PLEASE LET US  
KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO PROPOSE ALONG SUCH LINES TO THE ILK OF  
KOMER OR BUNKER BEFORE ~~THE~~ RATHER THAN AFTER THE FACT.

END OF MESSAGE